in the year 2003, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) had projected an expenditure of Rs.399.05 crore. Besides, the cost of construction of Games Village was projected as Rs.186.00 crore. The cost of construction of indoor & outdoor stadium in the Yamuna Sports Complex and upgradation of existing infrastructure of the Delhi Development Authority was projected as Rs.32.50 crore. However, these estimates are further likely to be revised upwards.

Construction of swimming pool at Shimoga

3860. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of swimming pool at Nehru Stadium at Shimoga is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal for Swimming Pool at Nehru Stadium, Shimoga District, Karnataka was examined and was found deficient in terms of the prescribed norms of the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure. State Government was informed on 16.12.2002 to reformulate the proposal.

(c) The above said Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been transferred to State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. The State Governments shall henceforth entirely fund the construction of sports facilities.

Commonwealth Games

3861. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Commonwealth Games are being held in New Delhi in 2010;

(b) if so, the steps that are being taken for the preparation of the games and whether any Core Committee have been constituted by Government for making necessary arrangements;

(c) whether Government are planning to associate international experts

in the field of sports for preparation of infrastructure for Commonwealth games; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. The Commonwealth Games Federation allotted hosting of Commonwealth Games 2010 to Delhi, India.

(b) The preparation for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi is underway. A review of existing infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken the existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with major upgradation and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games. One indoor and one outdoor stadium as well as Squash Court are proposed to be constructed. In addition, a Commonwealth Games Village is also proposed to be constructed off the Nizamuddin Bridge.

A Task Force for upgradation/renovation of SAI's infrastructure has been set up and the consultancy on SAI's existing infrastructure has been assigned to CPWD. Condition Survey of SAI's existing five Stadia at Delhi has started.

Delhi Development Authority has also commenced the action to prepare preliminary designs in respect of new venues & Games Village proposed to be constructed by it.

A core Committee has been set up by Government of NCT of Delhi under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi to prepare a master plan for improvement/up-gradation of civic amenities in Delhi for Commonwealth Games, 2010. The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of finalizing plans for up-gradation of roads, healthcare, civic amenities, traffic management and parking for the Commonwealth Games.

Government of India has constituted a Core Group of Ministers (GOM) for coordinating the work relating to the organization of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. An Apex Committee under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports for overseeing and coordinating the Games has been set up. An Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of President, IOA for conduct of the Games has been constituted.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In terms of the Host City Contract Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) is expected to contribute, from its experience in relation to previous Commonwealth Games, to the transfer of knowledge relating to the organization of the Games. CGF's contribution to knowledge transfer include the provişion of base line services. In addition, DDA has planned to have detailed Venue Reappraisal Study by M/s Event Knowledge Service (EKS).

Construction of Indoor Stadium at Dharwad

3862. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of Indoor Stadium at Dharwad is pending with Government;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the final decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The proposal was rejected as it did not conform to the provision under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.

(c) Does not arise. Moreover, the above-mentioned scheme has been transferred to the state sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. The State Governments shall henceforth entirely fund the construction of sports facilities.

Development Projects for Commonwealth Games

3863. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the infrastructure development projects that are being implemented in and around Delhi for hosting the Commonwealth Games 2010;

(b) the likely expenditure for all these projects;

(c) whether the views of organizations like Indian Olympic Association, Sports Authority of India, etc. have been obtained; and

(d) the status thereof project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL